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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7676**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1159

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 2, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Michigan Road heritage corridor.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Michigan Road Heritage Corridor Commission to promote the conservation and development of the natural, cultural, and recreational resources along the Michigan Road (old U.S. 31) corridor. It establishes the Michigan Road Heritage Corridor Fund.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The newly created commission consists of: 1) the Director of the Department of Natural Resources; 2) the Director of the Department of Transportation; 3) the Director of the Division of Historic Preservation of the Department of Natural Resources; 4) The Director of the Department Environmental Management; 5) The Director of the Office of Tourism. Members listed in numbers two through five above are non-voting members. In addition, the newly created commission shall consist of one individual appointed by the county executive of each county that contains a part of the corridor and chooses to support the activities of the commission by resolution adopted by the county executive.

There are 12 counties through which the Michigan Heritage Corridor runs. They are: LaPorte, Starke, Pulaski, White, Carroll, Clinton, Boone, Marion, Shelby, Decatur, Ripley, and Jefferson. If the 12 counties elect to participate in the new commission, there would be 17 members. The bill provides that the commission shall meet at times the commission determines. If the commission meets monthly, the estimated annual cost for travel would be approximately \$7,258. Commission members appointed by participating counties would not be eligible for per diem, but would be eligible for travel reimbursement and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. The State employees who are members of the commission are not be eligible for per diem or travel reimbursement.

The Department of Natural Resources shall provide accounting services pertaining to the funds of the newly created commission.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill creates the Michigan Road Heritage Corridor Commission Fund as a nonreverting fund. The Commission may receive appropriations from the state, federal funds, gifts, contributions, and bequests of funds from any sources.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Natural Resources; Department of Environmental Management; Office of Tourism of the Department of Commerce; Department of Transportation.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties which elect to participate in the newly created corridor.

**Information Sources:** Ron Sharp, State Library, 232-3678.